

1 Pound- Division Open - Black - Consumption Stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1869-1883

[Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No.41, of March 2003 that all CADDY and BOX stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883. At that time they were probably recalled for destruction.

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| 1st BABN Contract (1868-1873) | John McKay reports that 108,000 copies of "1 lb., S. M. R. Black" were delivered. Prior to 1874 these would be in the Division Open format |
| 2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878) | John McKay reports that 20,000 copies of "1 lb., Black Tobacco" were delivered. These were probably 12,000 for Montreal; 6,000 for Toronto and 2,000 Division Open - all on <i>block watermarked</i> paper. |
| 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) | John McKay reports that 50,000 copies of "1 lb., Black, Windsor" and 40,000 copies of "1 lb., Black, Montreal" were delivered. Apparently these latter stamps were equally divided as M-195 and M-196 . |

The catalogue lists the one pound black Division Open consumption stamps as follows:

RM-24 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. controls
RM-24 thick - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thick wove - 4 mm. controls
RM-24a - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - 4 mm. controls
RM-24b - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove - 5 mm. controls
RM-25 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - 5 mm. controls

There is a great difference between the *unwmkd* thin wove of 1869 and the thick wove of 1872.

--- The "theoretical" control number range on the 1 pound Division Open black Caddy stamp ---

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| RM-24 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove - | 000001 to 014000 |
| RM-24 thick - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thick wove - | 014001 to 020000 |
| RM-24a - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper - | 020001 to 050000 |
| RM-25 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper - | 050001 to 105000 |
| RM-24b - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove - | 105001 to 125000 |

--- The "actual" control number range on the Division Open 1 pound black Caddy stamp, as recorded to date ---

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| RM-24 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove - | 001412 to 012549 |
| RM-24 thick - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thick wove - | 014041 to 018807 |
| RM-24a - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper - | 020085 to 050049 |
| RM-25 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper - | 088405 to 101746 |
| RM-24b - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove - | no number copies |

--- 1 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - printed in 1869 ---

--- printed at Montreal on *unwmkd* thin wove under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists these one pound black Division Open consumption stamps as follows:

RM-24 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. controls

RM-24 thick - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thick wove - 4 mm. controls

There is a great difference between the *unwmkd* thin wove of 1869 and the thick wove of 1872.



★ **RM-24** - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove, control number **001437**

★ **RM-24 CP** - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove, control number **012549**,
Stamped *Cancelled* in violet script

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| 001437★ | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001442 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001444 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001462-67 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001467-68 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001465 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001480 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001490 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001497 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 001500 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 003296★ | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove |
| 003576 | RM-24 | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove, Used at Montreal by <i>LGF</i> ; dated 6/76 |
| 012545 | RM-24 CP | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove, stamped <i>Cancelled</i> in purple script |
| 012549★ | RM-24 CP | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> vertical mesh thin wove, stamped <i>Cancelled</i> in purple script |

The initial printing of the one pound stamp was done in the Montreal plant, which used 4 mm. control numbers.

--- 1 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - printed in 1870 ---

--- printed at Montreal on *unwmkd* thick wove paper under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

This printing of **RM-24 thick** on *unwmkd* thick wove paper was also done in the Montreal plant - which used the 4 mm. control numbers. The former were on *vertical mesh* wove, while these latter are on horizontal mesh paper. The two stamps illustrated below *are not in the collection*. I do not remember the source of these two scans.

The catalogue lists these one pound black Division Open consumption stamps as follows:

RM-24 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. controls

RM-24 thick - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thick wove - 4 mm. controls

There is a great difference between the *unwmkd* thin wove of 1869 and the thick wove of 1872.



RM-24 thick - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thick wove, control number **014041**, used at **Quebec** by Licensee # 2, dated 16 - 80 for February 1880, initialled *G.L.* for "G. La Rue"

RM-24 thick - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thick wove, control number **018807**, used at **Quebec** by Licensee # 1, dated 3 - 81 for August 1881, signed by *G. La Rue*

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| 014041 | 02/80 | RM-24 thick | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> thick wove, used at Quebec by Licensee # 2, dated 16 - 80 |
| 018807 | 08/81 | RM-24 thick | 1 pound, black, Division Open, on <i>unwmkd</i> thick wove, used at Quebec by Licensee # 1, dated 3 - 81 |

Chris Ryan reports that *J. E. Fortier* was the Primary Collector at Quebec from October 1st 1868 until he was succeeded by *G. La Rue* on the 16th of February 1878.

--- 1 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - printed in 1871 ---

--- printed at Montreal on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

This printing of **RM-24a** on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper was also done in the Montreal plant - which used the 4 mm. control numbers.

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No.41, of March 2003 that all CADDY and BOX stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883. Those following this date were became unused remainders. Judging by the late 1883 dates on the last *Quebec* used stamps, some were used after their obsolescence.

The catalogue lists this one pound black Division Open consumption stamp as follows:

RM-24a - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper, with 4 mm. controls



★ **RM-24a** - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper, control number **022833**, dated 6 / 10 / 81 for October 6th 1881, with S. M. Return 7, used at *Quebec* by Licensee # 1, signed by *G. La Rue*

★ **RM-24a** - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper, control number **050049**,

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| 020085 | 06/81 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, S. M. Return 24, dated 30 / 6 / 81 at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 022833 ★ | 10/81 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, S. M. Return 7, dated 6 / 10 / 81 at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 023710 | | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, used at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 025599 | 02/82 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, S. M. Return 15, dated 14 / 2 / 82 at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 026791 | 04/82 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, S. M. Return 19, dated 12 / 4 / 82 at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 027021 | 04/82 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, S. M. Return 20, dated 22 / 4 / 82 at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 029024 ★ | 04/82 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, S. M. Return 19, dated 21 / 4 / 82 at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 031669 | 09/82 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd laid vertically paper, S. M. Return 5, dated 2 / 9 / 82 at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1 |
| 042523 | 11/83 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd laid vertically paper, used at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1, dated 9 / 83 |
| 043074 | 11/83 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, used at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1, dated 9 / 83 |
| 043145 ○ | 11/83 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, used at <i>Quebec</i> by Licensee # 1, dated 9 / 83 |
| 049812 | | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049826 | | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |

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| 049845-50 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049850-55 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049879-84 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 80-85 | RM-24a | a block of four |
| 049884 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049888 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049909 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049910 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049911 ★ | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049972 ★ | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049977 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049985 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 049988 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 050003-08 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 050014 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 050015 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 050018 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 050023 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 050043 | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 050049 ★ | RM-24a | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |

The stamps from **049812** are remainders

--- 1 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption Stamps - printed in 1872 ---

--- printed at Ottawa on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with Ottawa applied 5 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this one pound black Division Open consumption stamp as follows:

RM-25 - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper, with 5 mm. controls



★**RM-25** - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper - 5 mm. control **088405**

★**RM-25** - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diag. wmkd* vertically laid paper - 5 mm. control **099519**

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| 088405 ★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088423 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088453 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088476 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088481 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088486 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088498 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088504-09 ★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper - |
| 05-10 ★ | | a block of four |
| 088512 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088513 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088527 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088528 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088540 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088543 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088764 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 088825 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089034 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089039 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089156 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089444 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089445 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089460 ★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089489 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089492 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089533 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089550 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089646 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089675 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089690-95 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089445 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089483 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |

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| 089501-25★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper - a sheet of twenty-five |
| 089527-32 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper - pair |
| 089550 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089602 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089663 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 089713 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097080 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097085★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097145 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097148 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097154 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097181 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097203 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097215 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097226-31 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper a horizontal pair |
| 097230-35 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, a horizontal pair |
| 097243 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097245 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 097248 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 098762 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 098828-33 29-34 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper - a block of four |
| 099028 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099039 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099049★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099107 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099511 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099519★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099512 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099525 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099563 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099613 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099648★ | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099661 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099693 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099698 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099753 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099755 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 099768 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 101651-70 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, a full sheet of twenty-five |
| 101724 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 101725 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper, with a lower left corner fold tab and mis-perforation |
| 101740 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |
| 101746 | RM-25 | 1 pound, Division Open, on diag. wmkd vertically laid paper |

--- 1 Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - printed in 1874 ---

--- printed on *block wmkd* medium wove paper at Montreal under the 2nd BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this one pound black Division Open consumption stamp as follows:

RM-24b - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* medium wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

The collection *does not contain* a control numbered copy of **RM-24b**. The CADDY and BOXES stamps were declared to be obsolete on July 1st 1883. As I have not found a control numbered copy, it seems that few, if any, copies of these black one pound *block watermarked* Division Open stamps were issued. The *block watermarked* one pound black **second BABN printing** was mostly in Division Specific format for Montreal and for Toronto.

This printing of **RM-24b** (on *block watermarked* medium wove paper) was probably done in the Montreal plant in 1883-84, and as the sheets were *not required* by the manufacturers, they were not numbered. Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No.41, of March 2003 that CADDY and BOX stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883.



★ **RM-24bn** - 1 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12 (clipped), on *block wmkd* medium wove, *without* control numbers

The collection contains many of these clipped imperforate "TP" stamps (from the Morris collection) which under magnification shows signs of original perforation. I sincerely doubt that any philatelist would have mutilated the stamps in this manner. At the time it was illegal to possess tax-paid stamps in mint condition, and even used examples were by law to be broken on opening the package. I feel that BABN, as a favour to a philatelist, clipped the perforations prior to providing these *control-free* stamps.

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